

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: Social Science Research Assistants (19-4061)

Associated Occupation: Geographers (19-3092)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 63

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Geography	3.9	24.8	8.0	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
English Language	11.2	17.2	16.2	0 Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Sociology and Anthropology	4.1	15.2	8.5	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Computers and Electronics	8.4	15.0	11.8	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
History and Archeology	2.6	10.7	5.1	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Philosophy and Theology	3.2	9.3	4.3	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Foreign Language	2.7	7.4	2.3	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 91

Focus Occupation: Social Science Research Assistants (19-4061)

Associated Occupation: Geographers (19-3092)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Writing	9.2	15.5	11.1	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Reading Comprehension	10.7	15.1	13.0	< A higher skill level may be required
Science	4.5	13.8	7.5	<< Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

Active Learning	8.7	12.3	9.5	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Systems Analysis	6.5	11.6	8.1	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Systems Evaluation	6.4	11.0	7.6	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 98			
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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Oral Expression	12.4	15.7	13.3	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Expression	9.8	15.2	11.8	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Oral Comprehension	12.5	14.9	13.6	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Written Comprehension	11.0	14.4	12.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Speech Clarity	10.2	13.6	10.8	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	13.5	10.4	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Near Vision	11.1	13.3	11.0	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Category Flexibility	9.0	12.8	8.8	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Mathematical Reasoning	6.3	10.6	7.7	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Number Facility	6.3	10.6	8.4	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 84
Focus Occupation: Social Science Research Assistants (19-4061) Associated Occupation: Geographers (19-3092)		
Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Analyze ecosystem data	69	
Analyze social or economic data	63	
Collect scientific or technical data	30	
Collect social or personal information	70	

Collect statistical data	47
Communicate technical information	4
Compile data on economic, social, or physical factors affecting land use	92
Compile information through interviews	68
Compile numerical or statistical data	38
Develop or maintain databases	30
Develop tables depicting data	33
Draw maps or charts	69
Interpret charts or tables for social or economic research	70
Maintain awareness of social trends	71
Maintain records, reports, or files	5
Make presentations	13
Prepare reports	8
Prepare technical reports or related documentation	22
Read maps	42
Recognize interrelationships among individuals or social groups	74
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3
Use current social research	62
Use interviewing procedures	23
Use knowledge of investigation techniques	16
Use library or online Internet research techniques	21
Use mathematical or statistical methods to identify or analyze problems	30
Use quantitative research methods	35
Use relational database software	26
Use scientific research methodology	21
Use spreadsheet software	18
Use word processing or desktop publishing software	17

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 69

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Cameras	2
Computer data input devices	2
Computer printers	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1
Network applications software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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